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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 13, 2005, Paper No./Mail Date 0105, please consider the following.

The Examiner has required an election of species pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following patentably distinct species:

- A. Drawn to the system of Figures 1-5C;
- B. Drawn to the system of Figures 6 and 7.

Applicants, without traverse, respectfully request the Examiner to proceed with Species B drawn to the system of Figures 6 and 7. Applicants believe that Claims 1, 2, 8 and 9 read on the elected species. Applicants request that the non-elected Claims be

held in abeyance for possible rejoinder and/or further prosecution in future divisional and/or continuation applications.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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